(b) and (c) An outlay of Rs. 2584 crore has been fixed for various schemes and programmes for the SSI sector during the tenth Five Year Plan including release to State Governments. The various schemes and programmes are uniformly applicable and no specific State-wise allocation of funds is made. Funds are sanctioned and released as per extant guidelines.

Growth rate of SSIs

†1783. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the growth rate registered during first half of the current year in small scale industries;

(b) to what extent this growth rate has been more/less in comparison to last year;

(c) whether small scale sector has registered any decline during this period;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the number of items included in the small scale sector and how many more items are proposed to be included; and

(f) the efforts being made by Government to strengthen small scale sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) As there is a time lag of about six to nine months in availability of data, data on growth of Small Scale Industry (SSI) units are available upto first quarter 2002-03 *i.e.*, upto June 2002. The growth rate registered during first quarter of the current financial year in SSI sector has been estimated at 7.13%. This growth rate has been 1.18% more as compared to the same quarter of the previous year. There has not been any decline during this period.

(e) Perhaps the reference is to reserved items in the SSI Sector. Out of over 7500 items produced by the SSI Units, as on 1.6.2002, 749 items were reserved exclusively for the manufacture in the SSI Sector. The issue of reservation/de-reservation of items is examined on a continual basis by the Government and is based on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee constituted under the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Industries Development and Regulation Act, 1950. In addition, Government also consults stakeholders regarding various entries in the list.

(f) On 30th August, 2000, the Prime Minister announced a Comprehensive Policy Package for the promotion and development of Small Scale Sector to enhance its competitiveness, both domestically and globally. The policy package consists of enhanced fiscal and credit supports, better infrastructure and marketing facilities and incentives for technology upgradation.

Schemes for small and tiny sectors

1784. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes meant for benefits of the small and tiny sectors in the country;

(b) the manner in which those schemes are going to benefit the small scale and tiny sectors of Tamil Nadu and other parts of the country; and

(c) the details of the loans sanctioned, disbursed and repayment made, State-wise, especially to Tamil Nadu, during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The Central Government has been implementing various schemes for the benefit of the small and tiny sector in the country covering areas of credit, infrastructure, technology, marketing, entrepreneurship development etc. These schemes form integral part of the Comprehensive Policy Package announced in August, 2000 to enhance the competitiveness of the SSI sector both domestically and globally. These schemes are applicable throughout the country.

(b) As a result of various ongoing schemes and programmes, the number of SSI units including tiny units, has increased from 29.44 lakh (registered and unregistered) in 1997-98 to 34.64 lakh in 2001-02. In Tamil Nadu the number of registered SSI units has increased from 2.81 lakh in 1997-98 to 3.76 lakh in 2001-02.

(c) The data on sanctions, disbursement and repayment of loans in respect of SSI units are not maintained Centrally.